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SUBJECT: NEPALESE CONTINGENT FOR UNIFIL

REF: A) KATHMANDU 1462, B) USUN 1026

1. REF B ANSWERS A FEW OF THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN YOUR
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CABLE AND PROVIDES OTHER INFORMATION WHICH YOU MAY FIND
USEFUL FOR YOUR AUDIENCE WITH THE KING.

2. IN ANSWER TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF A:

A) AT THIS TIME FRANCE, NORWAY AND NEPAL HAVE AGREED TO
CONTRIBUTE TROOPS TO THE UN FORCE. IRAN AND SWEDEN ARE

TEMPORARILY PROVIDING ADVANCE GUARDS FROM THEIR CONTINGENTS
IN UNDOF AND UNEF.

B) LENGTH OF ASSIGNMENT OF UN FORCE CANNOT BE DETERMINED
AT THIS TIME. NATIONAL CONTINGENTS ARE NOT COMMITTED TO A
SPECIFIC LENGTH OF SERVICE.

C) EACH CONTINGENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A PARTICULAR
GEOGRAPHIC AREA BUT SPECIFIC DEPLOYMENT OF TROOPS HAS NOT

YET BEEN DETERMINED AND WILL DEPEND ON DEPLOYMENT OF
CONTINGENTS FIRST ON THE SCENE AND DECISIONS OF FORCE
COMMANDER. WE DO NOT KNOW IF NEPAL CONTINGENT WILL BE
AIRLIFTED DIRECTLY TO LEBANON OR ARRIVE THERE THROUGH
CYPRUS OR ISRAEL.

D) UNIFIL TROOPS WILL CONFIRM THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI
TROOPS, SUPERVISE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND INSURE
THE PEACEFUL CHARACTER OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS, CONTROL
MOVEMENT IN AND OUT OF THE AREA, AND ASSIST THE GOL IN
ENSURING THE RETURN OF ITS EFFECTIVE AUTHORITY TO THE
AREA SOUTH OF THE LITANI.

3. AS HAS BEEN STATED BY SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM AND
THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT UN FORCES
MOVE TO THE AREA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ANY DELAY IN
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DEPLOYING THESE FORCES INCREASES THE RISK OF FURTHER
OUTBREAKS OF FIGHTING. YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE, EXPRESS
OUR APPRECIATION TO HIS MAJESTY FOR NEPAL'S CONTRIBUTION
TO PEACE AND ASSURE HIM THAT THE NEPALESE ARE REQUIRED
URGENTLY (REF B SUGGESTS THAT ARRIVAL OF NEPALESE SHOULD
NOT BE DELAYED FOR MORE THAN A WEEK OR TWO). WE UNDER-
STAND THE UN SECRETARIAT IS MAKING THIS POINT TO NEPALESE
UN DELEGATION MARCH 22. FOR AIRLIFT PLANNING, WE NEED
TO KNOW WHAT IF ANY EQUIPMENT, OTHER THAN SMALL ARMS,
NEPALESE WILL BRING WITH THEM.

4. THE AIRLIFT WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE AEGIS OF
UN EVEN IF US AIR FORCE EVENTUALLY MAKES THE PICKUP. IN
THE INTERIM WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD MENTION
OUR POSSIBLE ROLE IN ANY CONTACTS YOU MAY HAVE WITH THE
LOCAL OR INTERNATIONAL PRESS.

5. BEFORE AIRLIFT WE WILL ALSO NEED TO KNOW WEIGHT AND
CUBE AS WELL AS GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ANY EQUIPMENT
NEPALESE CONTINGENT WILL BRING ON AIRLIFT. VANCE

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